



81 Days of Progress

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WEEKLY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 19

Climate Action Task Force - The Climate Action Task Force met on Friday, September 13. I support the efforts of the Task Force, which is working to strengthen the plan drawn up by Mayor Jerry Sanders. The job of the task force will be to help the City meet state goals for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions in the coming decades. The current goal is for the task force to complete this update by early November, at which point it will be presented to the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture Committee.

La Jolla Cove Bird Poop - The second phase of the La Jolla Cove bird poop clean-up is scheduled to start Monday, September 23 and is expected to take one or two weeks. The City is scheduling the clean-up in phases to avoid disrupting the bird nesting. There may or may not be the need for a third phase, depending on how much progress occurs.

Food Trucks - Currently, food trucks may legally operate on public streets, provided there is a certain distance in front and behind them and that they have an active line of customers. The City code currently does not permit food trucks to operate on private property, including paid parking lots. I will issue a memo directing staff to initiate amendments to change this, but everyone needs to play by the rules currently in place until new ones are in effect.

Open Data - I met with our Director of Information Technology about open data yesterday morning and appreciated his insight on that topic and on the City's ongoing IT infrastructure needs. He also shared that Councilmember Mark Kersey released a draft open data policy. Between those two, and work being done by Council President Pro Tem Lightner and the IBA to research best practices and potential costs, I am excited about the momentum. I understand that Council President Pro Tem Lightner expects to bring forward an item to the Rules and Economic Development Committee related to open data this Fall.

El Campo Santo Cemetery in Old Town - Another longer term project that I helped move a little bit forward this week was the condition of the El Campo Santo Cemetery in Old Town. The cemetery, like so many other public assets, suffers from deferred maintenance. What appears to be some broken crosses and missing headstones is actually more complicated because it involves historic and archeological resources. Some people with considerable historic knowledge have suggested needed improvements may cost somewhere around \$25,000-\$30,000. This week, I allocated \$5,000 from my Council District Three office budget savings to pay for that assessment.

Downtown Quiet Zone - As the representative for Downtown, I frequently hear frustrations that the implementation of Quiet Zones for train tracks would have produced better results. Several improvements were put into place in the last week to address this, including sound mitigation sleeves to shield nearby condos from some of the bells.

Lobbyists - The City Attorney is reviewing the contract to bring the City's former lobbyists back on board to represent us while we go through an RFP process.

Homeless Shelter - I am scheduled to visit the veterans homeless shelter tomorrow afternoon as part of my work to determine if the lives of the City's two emergency shelters can be extended longer than was funded by the previous administration.

Noteworthy Events

- Today, I will make my third trip to Mexico this year. I continue with the positive steps the City began to take with the leadership of Mayor Jerry Sanders and continued with the opening of San Diego's first office in Tijuana and many visits to Mexico by City leaders this year. Today's visit will focus on the economic strength of the bi-national region.
- Tomorrow, after chairing the SANDAG Transportation Committee, I will participate in three announcements:
- The City's latest corporate sponsorship partner will be revealed;
- The new career development center housed at the New Central Library will be launched; and,
- I will celebrate Park(ing) Day. This is the day when parking spaces are temporarily converted into different uses, like mini-parks.
- Tomorrow night, I will be commemorating the amazing seasons of local Eastlake and Tijuana Little League teams at a bi-national event.

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